

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1 – 24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystal display device comprising:

a first transparent substrate;

a second substrate opposing said first substrate, said first substrate including an end portion extending beyond an edge of said second substrate;

liquid crystal positioned between said first and second substrates;

a semiconductor element mounted on said end portion of said first substrate spaced apart from said edge of said second substrate so as to form a gap between said edge of said second substrate and said semiconductor element;

a backlight unit positioned behind said second substrate relative to said first substrate; and

a light shielding member positioned over said semiconductor element and extending in a direction toward said first substrate at least partially into said gap.

26. (Currently Amended) The~~[[A]]~~ liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein:

said semiconductor ~~element~~device has an active surface and another surface opposite said active surface, said active surface facing the first substrate; and

said another surface is covered with said light shielding member.

27. (Currently Amended) The^[A] liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, ~~wherein said light shielding member further~~ comprising another light shielding member including ~~comprises~~ a polarizing plate positioned on a surface of said second substrate.

28 – 29. (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) The^[A] liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, further comprising a ~~second~~ polarizing plate positioned on said first substrate so as to cover said semiconductor element.

31. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate;

a second substrate positioned opposite said first substrate, said first substrate including an end portion extending beyond an edge of said second substrate;

liquid crystal positioned between said first and second substrates;

a semiconductor element positioned on said end portion of said first substrate, said semiconductor element including an active surface facing said end portion, said semiconductor element being spaced apart from said edge of said second substrate so as to form a gap between said semiconductor element and said second substrate;

a light source positioned proximate said second substrate, the light source emitting light toward the active surface;

~~a light path formed from said light source, through said gap, through said first substrate, and to said active surface of said semiconductor element; and~~

a light shielding member positioned over said semiconductor element and extending at least partially between the light source and the active surface to shield the active surface from light emitted from the light source toward the active surface~~into said light path.~~

32. (Currently Amended) The liquid crystal display device of claim 31 wherein said light shielding member extends into~~is positioned in~~ said gap.

33. (Cancelled).

34. (Currently Amended) The liquid crystal display device of claim 31 wherein said light shielding member extends at least partially~~is positioned~~ over said gap.

35 – 37. (Cancelled).

38. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein said light shielding member further comprises an adhesive tape.

39. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 38, wherein said adhesive tape is elastic.

40. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 31, wherein said light shielding member further comprises an adhesive tape.

41. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 40, wherein said adhesive tape is elastic.

42. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 25, wherein the light shielding member extends from the semiconductor element and is connected to the first substrate in the gap.

43. (New) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate;

a second substrate opposing the first substrate, the second substrate having light transmitting properties and having first and second surfaces on opposite sides thereof, the second substrate including a projecting portion projecting beyond an edge of the first substrate;

liquid crystal positioned between the first and second substrates;

a semiconductor element having an active surface facing the first surface of the second substrate at the projecting portion; and

a polarizing plate disposed on the second surface of the second substrate and extending along the projecting portion over at least the entire active surface of the semiconductor element.

44. (New) The liquid crystal display device according to claim 43, wherein the semiconductor element is mechanically fixed to the first surface through bump electrodes, the polarizing plate extending over all of the bump electrodes.